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## Current Events

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### Harvard University

The Harvard Classical Club held its annual dinner at the Café Louis, Boston, on May 15. The president of the club, Dr. K. K. Smith, acted as toastmaster and addresses were given by Professors Herbert Weir Smyth, Albert A. Howard, George H. Chase, Charles Burton Gulick, and Mr. Frederick P. Fish. Professor Gulick was chosen president of the Club for 1913-14.

### Pennsylvania

The Classical Association of Pittsburgh and Vicinity has completed the sixth year of its existence. The programs of the six meetings held during the year have been as follows: "The Oral Method of Teaching the Classical Languages," Miss N. Anna Petty, Allegheny Preparatory School; "Modern Politics in Ancient Rome," Professor B. L. Ullman, University of Pittsburgh; "Current Topics," Mr. N. E. Henry, Peabody High School; "A Practical Demonstration of the Direct Method of Teaching Latin," Miss N. Anna Petty; "A Poem by Bacchylides—Reading and Translation," Mr. D. D. Porter, University of Pittsburgh; "A Roman School in Ancient Times," Professor C. F. Ross, Allegheny College; "Reading from Homer," Mr. H. W. Cartwright, University of Pittsburgh; "The Linguistic Relations of the Balkan Peoples," Mr. C. R. Fisher, Allegheny High School; "The Balkan War," Mrs. H. F. Allen; "Pervigilium Veneris," Professor R. B. English, Washington and Jefferson College; "Greek and Roman Music," Professor T. C. Whitmer, Pennsylvania College for Women; "Pompeii" (illustrated), Mr. N. E. Henry; "Suffragism, 2,500 Years Ago," "Readings from the Antigone of Sophocles, with Modern Greek Pronunciation," Mr. Naum Perikleos; "The Influence of Homer on Education," Professor H. S. Scribner, University of Pittsburgh; "The Wit and Wisdom of Herodotus," Principal Maurice Hutton, University College, Toronto.

*Hollidaysburg*.—An elaborate performance of Professor Miller's *Dido: The Phoenician Queen* will be given in the open air by the classical students on the ninth of June.

The Classical Club of Philadelphia held its final meeting of the current academic year on April 10, completing the eighteenth year of its existence.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Professor Walton B. McDaniel of the University of Pennsylvania; Vice-President, Professor Walter Dennison of Swarthmore College; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Benjamin W. Mitchell of the Central High School. The papers before the Club during the year were: November, 1912, "Mercantilism and Rome's Foreign Policy," by Professor Tenney Frank of Bryn Mawr College; December, 1912, "The Noises of Ancient Rome," by Professor Guy B. Colburn of the University of Missouri (read by the secretary in the absence of the author); January, 1913, "The Monasteries of Meteora," by Professor Walter W. Hyde of the University of Pennsylvania; February, 1913, "Classical Sources in Elizabethan Drama," by Professor Felix E. Schelling of the University of Pennsylvania; March, 1913, "Tityretus, Ancient and Yet More Ancient," by Professor Walton B. McDaniel of the University of Pennsylvania, and "Parallels to the Circe Legend of the *Odyssey* in Vijaya's *Conquest of Ceylon*," by Dr. E. W. Burlingame of the Haverford Grammar School; April, 1913, "The Political Principles of Cicero," by Professor David Magie, Jr., of Princeton University.

The membership of the Club for the year just ended was fifty-seven.

### Ohio

*The University of Cincinnati*.—We clip the following notice from the Cincinnati *Times-Star*:

*The Frogs* of Aristophanes, which have lain in a petrified state for more than 23 centuries, croaked once more on Saturday night when Dr. Joseph Edward Harry's translation of this classic comedy was given its first performance in America. The performance took place at Hughes auditorium under the auspices of the Dramatic club of the University of Cincinnati. For students of literature and dramatic history the event had special interest, and for others it furnished keen amusement. The performance by the student-actors was entirely creditable. The whole undertaking from the translating of the comedy by Professor Harry to its production in detail, was quite a formidable enterprise.

### Illinois

*Northwestern University*.—Dr. Walter Leaf, author of *Troy: A Study in Homeric Geography*, will give the Harris Lectures in the Autumn of 1914. His subject will be *Homer and History*.

*Chicago*.—At the classical section of the annual conference of secondary schools with the University of Chicago held April 18, a committee, appointed the previous year, reported an outline of the minimum amount of form and syntax work recommended for high-school Latin, year by year for the four years of the course. The report was full and in detail. After considerable discussion, during which many helpful suggestions were made, the report was made one of the subjects for discussion at next year's meeting.

Mr. H. E. Matteson, of the Waller High School, presented the report of a committee which had already reported to the Chicago high-school Latin

teachers, as a broader and more attractive Latin course for high schools. Mr. H. F. Scott, of the University High School, described and illustrated the card method of drill in vocabulary and forms.

### Wisconsin

*The Latin League of Wisconsin Colleges.*—Professor Moses S. Slaughter, head of the Latin department of the University of Wisconsin, has announced the result of the recent contest held under the auspices of the Latin League of Wisconsin Colleges, as follows:

Winner of the "Louis G. Kirchner Latin Memorial Prize," about \$250 in cash, and of the gold medal, Miss Helen Sawyer of Milwaukee-Downer College.

Winner of the silver medal, Miss Gertrude Schulz of Milwaukee-Downer.

Winner of the bronze medal, Miss Miriam Frink of Milwaukee-Downer.

First honorable mention is awarded to Miss Henrietta Bringham of Lawrence College; second honorable mention to Miss Lily Swanson of Lawrence.

The organization and purpose of the League were announced in the May number of the *Classical Journal*.

*Milwaukee-Downer College.*—Students of the Latin department gave a public Latin entertainment on the evening of April 11. The program was opened with the singing of Horace's *Carmen Saeculare*. Other odes of Horace upon the program were ii. 13, iii. 9, and ii. 3. Catullus' *Carmen Epithalamium* was sung at the close.

The musical numbers were diversified by scenes from plays of Plautus and Terence: Plautus, *Rudens*, Act I, scene i; Terence, *Adelphi*, Act I, scenes i, ii, and *Phormio*, Act II. All were given in the original except *Phormio*, Act II.

The students presenting this program represented Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. They were trained by Miss Lena B. Tomson, professor of Latin.

### Mississippi

The annual meeting of the Classical Association of Mississippi was held May 2, 1913, in connection with the annual meeting of the Mississippi Teachers' Association at Hattiesburg in southern Mississippi. The attendance was excellent and the interest decided. Papers were read as follows: "The Importance of Sight Reading," by Christopher Longest, University of Mississippi; "A Recent Visit to Some Classic Sites," by A. L. Bondurant, University of Mississippi; "The Mission of the Classics," by A. W. Mildren, University of Mississippi.

Professor E. A. Bechtel, of Tulane University, was the guest of the association and gave an address which added to the interest of the occasion. The new officers for the ensuing year are: President, A. L. Bondurant, University of Mississippi; Vice-President, E. T. Price, Macon; Secretary, Miss Lillian Ellington, Greenwood.